



**CASA**

Court Appointed Special Advocates  
**FOR CHILDREN**

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### **SAVE THE DATE:**

- **OCTOBER 17th—"Tip a Lioness" Event at Golden Corral** (see pg. 7)
- **OCTOBER 25—CHILD AND YOUTH SEX TRAFFICKING TRAINING** (RSVP required)
- **NOVEMBER Mediation Training**—look for email w/flyer in the next couple of weeks.
- **NOVEMBER 23rd is NATIONAL ADOPTION DAY** at the JJC beginning at 10:00 a.m. (CASA volunteers needed!)
- **DECEMBER 12, 2013—CASA Holiday Party**—Details coming soon!

**CASA**

## ***CASA of Yavapai County Newsletter October 2013***

In the aftermath of the local fires in our area, we should all be aware of services and resources that are available to us. The CASA office wanted to share this valuable resource with all of you:

The Yavapai County Sheriff's Office now utilizes **CodeRED®** as its **Emergency Notification System**. With this service, we can send messages to residents and businesses within minutes with specific information when an emergency or time-sensitive issue arises.

All Yavapai County residential and business landline phone numbers, published in the White or Yellow pages, are already in the system. By signing up or opting-in, you may enter alternate phone numbers and/or modes of contact. You may also specify your primary contact mode. The opt-in process will require that you have a valid email address. A confirmation email and/or text message will be sent upon completion of registration (*will be sent from **noreply@ycsoaz.gov** and may take up to 5 minutes*). Once registered, you may opt-out at anytime.

When delivery of the alert to your primary contact mode fails, the system will automatically fall back to other methods. With respect to phone notifications, if the system detects an answering machine, it will deliver the message to voicemail. If the phone is not answered and no answering machine is detected, the system will redial the number at a later time or, if specified, fall back to another contact mode. ***When the call appears on your caller-id, it will display the Yavapai County Sheriff's Office business number: (928) 771-3260***

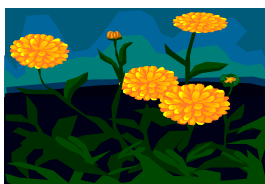
**Go here to sign up:**

**[http://www.ycsoaz.gov/?page\\_id=3724](http://www.ycsoaz.gov/?page_id=3724)**

**(from the YCSO home page, go to Programs and Services tab at the top and select Emergency Notification Services)**




**This is a free service to the residents and businesses of Yavapai County to provide Alert notifications during emergency or time-sensitive situations.**

Information copied from the Yavapai County Sheriff's home page.



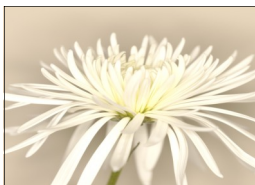
# Prescott CASA Calendar October 2013



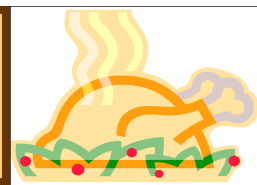
M	T	W	T	F
	1 <i>hearings</i>	2	3 Best for Babies— JJC @ 10:30	4 Best for Babies Court Teams Meeting in P.V. @ 10:00 (see pg. 4 for info on this month's meeting)
7	8  FDC @ 3:00 <i>hearings</i>	9	10 C4K board Meeting— JJC @ 9:00 Jane's Case Support - JJC @ 11:00 Time 4 Teens-1:30 @ JJC (New Day & Time) FCRB	11   FCRB
14 <b>*NEW*</b> Teen Case Sup- port—JJC @ 10:00	15  <i>hearings</i>	16 Janet's Case Support—JJC @ 11:00	17	18 BforB interactive work- shop @ Prevent Child Abuse AZ-9:00-12:00 (see pg.4 for details)
21  	22  FDC @ 3:00 <i>hearings</i>	23	24	25 Child & Youth Sex Trafficking (8:00-3:30 @ JJC)  *RSVP required to attend.
28	29	30	31 Happy Halloween!	


*October at a glance*

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 10/1, 8, 15, 22 & 29—Hearings @ JJC      10/3 Best for Babies @ JJC ~10:30  
 10/4 Best for Babies Court Teams Meeting in PV @ 10:00  
 10/8 & 22 Family Drug Court@ JJC ~ 3:00  
 10/10 Jane's Case Support @ JJC ~ 11:00  
 10/10 C4K Board Meeting @ JJC ~ 9:00  
 10/10 Time For Teens @ JJC ~ 1:30 \*\* New Day and Time\*\*  
 10/10 & 11 FCRB @ JJC  
 10/14 \*New Meeting\* Teens Case Support @ JJC—10:00  
 10/16 Janet's Case Support @ JJC ~ 11:00  
 10/18 Best for Babies Interactive Workshop  
 10/25 Child & Youth Sex Trafficking @ JJC 8:00—3:30  
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# Prescott CASA Calendar November 2013



M	T	W	T	F
				1  FCRB
4	5  FDC 3:00	6	7 Best for Babies— 10:30 @ JJC	8 Best for Babies Court Teams in P.V. @ 10:00
11 Veteran's Day Holiday Office Closed  <i>Teen Case Support — 10:00 @ JJC—Cancelled for Holiday</i>	12  <i>hearings</i>	13	14 C4K board Meeting— JJC @ 9:00 Jane's Case Support— 11:00 @ JJC Time 4 Teens-1:30 @ JJC FCRB	15
18	19  FDC 3:00 <i>hearings</i>	20 Janet's Case Sup- port—11:00 @ JJC	21	22
25	26  <i>hearings</i>	27	28 Thanksgiving Holiday  Office Will be Closed	29  

## November at a glance

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 11/1 & 14 FCRB @ JJC  
 11/5, 12, 19 & 26 Hearings @ JJC  
 11/5 & 19 Family Drug Court@ JJC ~ 3:00  
 11/7 Best for Babies @ JJC ~10:30  
 11/8 Best for Babies Court Teams Meeting in PV @ 10:00  
 11/11 *Teen Case Support @ JJC ~ 10:00*—Cancelled this month due to Veteran's Day Holiday  
 11/14 Jane's Case Support @ JJC ~ 11:00  
 11/14 C4K Board Meeting @ JJC ~ 9:00  
 11/14 Time For Teens @ JJC ~ 1:30  
 11/20 Janet's Case Support @ JJC ~ 11:00  
 11/23 NATIONAL ADOPTION DAY @ JJC starting at 10:00 a.m.—CASA Volunteers needed!  
 11/28 & 29—Office will be closed for Thanksgiving Holiday—gobble gobble!  
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## Coordinator's Corner

### MATFORCE LEARNING/TRAINING OPPORTUNITY:

**OCTOBER 9TH, 2013 FROM 9:00 AM TO 4:00 PM**, DETECTIVE JAMES TOBIN OF THE PV POLICE DEPT. WILL BE GIVING A CLASS ENTITLED "**DRUG RECOGNITION TRAINING**". DET. TOBIN IS A TRAINED DRUG RECOGNITION EXPERT. THIS **FREE**, ONE-DAY CLASS INCLUDES DESCRIPTIONS OF THE TYPES OF DRUGS THAT ARE BEING ABUSED TODAY ALONG WITH QUESTION & ANSWER PERIODS.

LOCATION FOR DRUG TRAINING RECOGNITION: MALOUFF COMMUNITY ROOM AT 3298 BOB DRIVE, PV.

**PLEASE EMAIL [MATFORCE@CABLEONE.NET](mailto:MATFORCE@CABLEONE.NET) OR CALL 928-708-0100 TO REGISTER BY OCTOBER 2ND.**

### Best for Babies Court Teams Meeting on Oct. 4, 2013

At the Best for Babies Court Teams meeting this month, the Honorable Colleen McNally (from Maricopa County) and the Honorable Anna Young will be in attendance. Judge McNally will be talking about the Cradle to Crayons (C2C) program in Maricopa County. C2C is a program that was designed to improve the outcomes of the most vulnerable population of children, zero to three-years old, while helping to transition them through the foster-care system more efficiently and quickly, focusing on the developmental needs of the child and the rehabilitation of the parent(s).

This meeting will take place at the Prevent Child Abuse Arizona office, located at 3298 Bob Drive, Prescott Valley, from 10:00 to 12:00.

### **\*\*IMPORTANT COURT REPORT SUBMITTAL REMINDER.\*\***

Please remember that your court reports need to be submitted to the office 2 weeks before the scheduled hearing. Quinci has been sending out reminders in advance to help you with this very important part of your CASA responsibilities. Coordinators need time to review your report and to send them out to other legal parties related to the case prior to the hearings. Please contact your coordinator if you have any questions or problems with turning your report in on time. We appreciate your assistance in this matter!

### **BEST FOR BABIES INTERACTIVE WORKSHOP:**

#### The Unique Needs of Infants and Toddlers in Foster Care

On October 18th from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm, Meghan Hays-Davis will be speaking about the unique needs of infants and Toddler in Foster Care. Some of the topics she will cover are: infant brain development, stages and importance of attachment, stress and trauma in early life, and working with the dependency system. Baby CASA's are encouraged to attend!

**Space is limited so please RSVP to: [b4btraining@gmail.com](mailto:b4btraining@gmail.com) to register.**

Class will be held at 3298 Bob Drive, Prescott Valley at the Prevent Child Abuse Arizona office.

## Coordinator's Corner

### **FREE Parenting Education Classes**

*Please pass this information along to those that might benefit from this community resource.*

**Parenting Education Classes** offered from the Yavapai County Education Service Agency provided by a grant through Community Counts from First Things First.

Each class has 6 sessions and is **FREE** of charge and offers **FREE** childcare.

**Class:** Common Sense Parenting

**Dates:** (Tu/Th) 10/1, 10/3, 10/8, 10/10, 10/15, 10/17

**Time:** 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

**Location:** Lincoln Elementary, 201 Park Ave, Prescott, AZ 86303

**Cost:** FREE + FREE childcare!

**Target Audience:** Parents, grandparents, educators and caregivers of children ages 0-5

**Registration:** [http://www.ycesa.com/files/13.10.01-10.17Lincoln Elementary Common Sense Parenting Flyer.pdf](http://www.ycesa.com/files/13.10.01-10.17Lincoln%20Elementary%20Common%20Sense%20Parenting%20Flyer.pdf)

**Class:** Becoming a Love and Logic Parent (Spanish)

**Dates:** (Tu/Th) 11/5, 11/7, 11/12, 11/14, 11/19, 11/21

**Time:** 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM

**Location:** Miller Valley Elementary, 900 Iron Springs Rd, Prescott, AZ 86305

**Cost:** FREE + FREE childcare!

**Target Audience:** Parents, grandparents, educators and caregivers of children ages 0-5

**Registration:** [http://www.ycesa.com/files/13\\_11.05-11.21 Miller Valley Elementary Love and Logic -%20 Spanish.pdf](http://www.ycesa.com/files/13_11.05-11.21_Miller_Valley_Elementary_Love_and_Logic-%20Spanish.pdf)

**Class:** Parenting the Love and Logic Way

**Dates:** (Mon/Wed) 12/2, 12/4, 12/9, 12/11, 12/16, 12/18

**Time:** 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM

**Location:** Taylor Hicks Elementary, 1845 Campbell Ave, Prescott, AZ 86301

**Cost:** FREE + FREE childcare!

**Target Audience:** Parents, grandparents, educators and caregivers of children ages 0-5

**Registration:** [http://www.ycesa.com/files/13.12.02-12.18Taylor Hicks Elementary Love and Logic Flyer.pdf](http://www.ycesa.com/files/13.12.02-12.18Taylor%20Hicks%20Elementary%20Love%20and%20Logic%20Flyer.pdf)

## Coordinator's Corner

### Join a Support Group

#### Support Groups:

Joining a support group helps you to be successful on your case. The support groups provide lively and informative discussion by all. The attendees include a mix of veteran and new CASAs.

The Support groups meet various times throughout each month, providing an opportunity for you to participate.

- The group lead by Janet Lincoln meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month at the JJC, , 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- The group lead by Jane Shaw meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month at the JJC, 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- Best for Babies support group meets the first Thursday of each month at the JJC, 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 a.m.
- Best for Babies Court Teams meeting is held the second Friday (this schedule is flexible, please check the calendar) of each month at Prevent Child Abuse AZ headquarters, 3298 Bob Drive, Prescott Valley at 10:00 a.m. (next to CPS)
- **The Time 4 Teens monthly meeting is now on the 2nd Thursday of each month at the JJC beginning at 1:30. New meeting day and time begins on October 10th.**
- **\*NEW\*** Teen *Case Support* Meeting on the 2nd Monday (beginning Monday, October 14th) of each month at the JJC, 10:00—11:30.

#### October

Jan Doria  
Shea Studinger  
Diana Balsass  
Bill Haas  
John Clark  
Quinci Castleberry

# Happy Birthday

#### November

Lynda Ransom  
John Copenhaver  
Michael Broome  
Cinda Berman  
Janet Lincoln  
Katy Crago  
Christa Lasater  
Lori Rubenstein

#### NEW CASE SUPPORT MEETING STARTING/NEW TIME & DAY FOR T4T MONTHLY MEETING

As mentioned in last month's newsletter, we are starting a Teen *Case Support* Meeting beginning on Monday, October 14th, from 10:00—11:30 at the JJC. Meetings will be on the 2nd Monday of each month. In addition, the Time 4 Teens (T4T) monthly meeting, which used to be the 3rd Thursday of each month will now be meeting on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 1:30 at the JJC. What's the difference between the two meetings you ask? The Teen Case Support Meeting is a meeting where CASA's get together to discuss their current cases. The T4T meeting is a "business" meeting where members from the community can join in (eg. CPS) but cases are not discussed. If you're not sure which meeting you should attend, please call the office and speak to Myla.



## Yavapai CASA for Kids Foundation



### “TIP A LIONESS” SPECIAL EVENT

On Thursday, October 17th, from 5:00 to 8:00 pm, Members of the Prescott Lioness Club Organization, will be serving as waitresses at the Golden Corral Restaurant (located in the Frontier Village Shopping Center). All tips will be donated to the Yavapai CASA for Kids Foundation. Please mark your calendar and plan on attending this “*FUN*-draising” event and remember to tip generously! Everyone is welcome to attend.



# time + teens

Time 4 Teens is excited for the upcoming training we are presenting on October 25, 2013 at JJC. We have over 100 people registered for the training on “Child Sex Trafficking”. Our speakers are awesome – experts from Phoenix and Prescott will be speaking about:

What is Sex Trafficking

What to look for when a Youth is being Trafficked

Prevention

Aftercare

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We are continuing our work with WYGC on the “Enhancing the child’s role in CFTs” project. If you have any ideas you would like to share on this subject please feel free to come to our next meeting.

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**To accommodate as many attendees as possible, we have changed the day and time. The T4T meeting will now be held on the SECOND THURSDAY OF THE MONTH 1:30 – 3:00. OUR NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 10. Please come and join our team.**



Please join us at the Time 4 Teens meeting. Our NEW Time and Day: 2nd Thursday of each month at 1:30 in the JJC. Your ideas and expertise are most welcome!



## Verde Coordinator's Corner

The Verde CASA office continues their recruiting and outreach efforts. In September, we had 3 news articles about CASA and CASA volunteers in the Verde Independent and the Sedona Red Rocks Newspapers. We also continue to submit the "CASA Case of the Month" to each newspaper. The articles and CASA case examples have increased the interest in the community and therefore, we have received many calls to the Camp Verde office inquiring about how to become a certified CASA volunteer.

As a result, we will see the addition of 6 new CASA's in October and we plan to add another 5 in the month of November!!

The Verde Valley CASA Children's Foundation (VVCCF) is our board which raises funds for our CASA children. These funds can be used to purchase a wide variety of items that children in foster care need.

You can obtain a grant application in the Camp Verde CASA office, or by contacting your CPS caseworker. All grant applications need to be submitted to Betty Hart (928)-963-0050.

The VVCCF also supplies gift cards for our CASA children. To obtain a gift card, CASA's can contact the child's CPS caseworker, or contact Stacy Breed at (928)-649-6845.

The Verde CASA's had 100% completion of court reports.

We thank you all for getting your reports in on time. As you know, your reports and the recommendations made are vital in assisting the court in the decisions made for the children and families in our cases.

**On Sept. 9th, the Verde CASA's completed a Court Report Training class. Attendees included veteran CASA's, new CASA's and CASA applicants.**

**Judge Young also attended the training and shared her perspective on the court reports.**

**Thank you to all who attended.**

**The Verde CASA office has monthly support meetings. Meetings begin at noon (12:00) and finish around 1:30 PM. Please see the Verde Calendar for upcoming meeting dates.**



On December 14th, the Verde Valley CASA Children's Foundation (VVCCF) will have a celebration for CASA's and their CASA kids at the Cliff Castle Casino.

The party will take place from 11:00-4:00

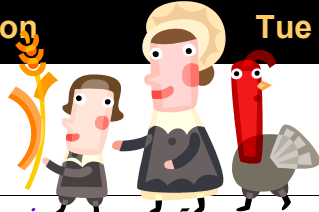


# Verde Valley CASA Calendar

## October 2013

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
	1	2	3	4
7 <i>Verde Hearings</i> CASA Training 12-1:45	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21 <i>Verde Hearings</i> CASA Support Meeting @ 12:00	22	23	24	25
28	29	30	31 Happy Halloween	

## November 2013

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
				1
4 <i>Verde Hearings</i> CASA Support Meeting @ 12:00	5	6	7	8
11 <i>Veteran's Day</i> Office Closed	12	13	14	15
18 <i>Verde Hearings</i>	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28 Thanksgiving Day Office Will Be Closed	29 Office Closed

## Contact Information

### **CASA OF YAVAPAI COUNTY**

**WE'RE ON THE WEB:**

**[www.CASAofYavapaiCounty.org](http://www.CASAofYavapaiCounty.org)**



**If you cannot attend an FCRB, you may e-mail the Board at:**

**[rptfcrb@courts.az.gov](mailto:rptfcrb@courts.az.gov)**

### **Yavapai CASA for Kids, Foundation**

**Serving our Court Protected Children and the CASA Program**

**Court Appointed Special Advocates  
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### **CASA of Yavapai County**

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**Lynda Ransom, CASA Support Staff**

**Email: [lransom@courts.az.gov](mailto:lransom@courts.az.gov)**

**Kristen Newman, Family Drug Court Coordinator (928) 771-3398**

**Email: [knewman@courts.az.gov](mailto:knewman@courts.az.gov)**

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(928) 554-8903**

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### **Yavapai CASA for Kids, Foundation.**

**P.O. Box 12457, Prescott, AZ 86304**

**(928) 445-0800**

**[www.yavapaicasaforkids.org](http://www.yavapaicasaforkids.org)**

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